



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Masaaki NOMURA, et al.  
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Examiner : To Be Assigned  
Docket No. : 100598.53322US  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : Pharmaceutical Hard Capsule Containing Inorganic  
Substance

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Missing Parts**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.